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Mark Scerbo & Meagan Merkel Indicted
by Monroe County Grand Jury

Rochester, NY- Today, a Monroe County Grand Jury indicted Mark Scerbo and Meagan Merkel, both 23, on charges relating to the death of Heather Boyum. Boyum, a Fairport High School teacher and mother of three, was killed on July 29th after being struck by a motorcycle and hit by a car driven by the defendants as she was riding a bicycle on the shoulder of the road.

Mark Serbo, the alleged operator of the motorcycle that initially struck Boyum, is charged with three (3) counts of Aggravated Vehicular Homicide, one (1) count of Manslaughter in the Second Degree, Felony Aggravated Driving While Intoxicated, Felony Driving While Intoxicated, Felony Driving While Ability Impaired by the Combined Influence of Drugs and Alcohol, and Felony Aggravated Unlicensed Operation of a Motor Vehicle in the First Degree.

Meagan Merkel, the alleged driver of the car that struck Boyum, faces one (1) count of Manslaughter in the Second Degree, one (1) count of Vehicular Manslaughter in the Second Degree, Driving While Intoxicated, Driving While Ability Impaired by the Combined Influence of Drugs & Alcohol, Operating a Motor Vehicle without a License, and Operating a Motor Vehicle without Adequate Brakes.

"The alleged actions of the defendants resulted in the senseless death of Heather Boyum, a remarkable woman -- a role model and an inspiration to those who were fortunate enough to know her," said Monroe County District Attorney Sandra Doorley. "Heather Boyum is one of many who have lost their lives on the streets of our community as a result of people driving under the influence of alcohol, or drugs, or both. As Monroe County District Attorney I pledge to use every available resource to prosecute these two individuals, and anyone else who threatens the safety our community in this way."

Both defendants are being held in Monroe County jail and are scheduled for arraignment on Tuesday, September 18th.

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